



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

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Ward 1 – Apartment Fire – 5600 Block of South 12th Avenue

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Dispatch Time – 0823

On-Scene Time – 0830

Fire Under Control – 0849

Neighbors saw smoke coming from a two-story apartment building in the Mission Park Apartment Complex and called 9-1-1. The first fire engine, with four firefighters, arrived on scene to find smoke coming from the vents in the roof area of one of the buildings. They investigated further to find a fire in the bathroom of a ground floor apartment, nobody home, and the smoke detector sounding. The fire was burning through the ceiling and making its way to the second floor. The apartment above the fire was vacant. A total of sixteen apartment units were evacuated, 8 units on each floor, and the fire was extinguished in 19 minutes by 35 firefighters and 10 fire trucks. No injuries occurred.

Cause – Bathroom vent fan left on

Damage estimate - \$80,000

Red Cross was not needed – A total of 12 apartments were affected. Three were vacant and nine of those families, nine people, have been displaced. They will either stay with family members or move into other apartments that will be provided by the apartment owner if needed.

Safety Message: This is the second fan fire we have had in the past two days. Bathroom fans, kitchen vent fans, and other household appliances should be turned off when leaving the room or before going to sleep. Accidental fires do occur and often times when least expected.